

STEPS TO CREATING AN OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDEN (OFG)

*Apply CPR – Conservation, Permeability and Retention © -
to your garden to revive our watersheds and ocean.*

5 Steps – taught at OFG events and described on OFG's & G3's websites:

1. Evaluate Your Site/Understand Your Potable Water Use
2. Encourage a Soil Party to Restore Good Soil
3. Create Permeable Surfaces And Retention of Rain Water
4. Select Climate-appropriate Plants and Plant With Confidence
5. Irrigate Properly And Achieve Zero Dry Weather Runoff

Read The OFG Guidelines (Sign Criteria) at www.oceanfriendlygardens.org

Go To An OFG Event and Demonstration Garden

OFG Class and Hands-On Workshop schedule – www.sbesc.com/calendar.

Visit an OFG demonstration garden – examples: Inglewood Fire Station (171 Regent) and West Basin's Water Recycling Facility (1935 Hughes Way, El Segundo). Learn more at: www.westbasin.org.

Rebates and Resources

- Rebates – Turf removal (\$1/sq ft) and irrigation rebates – www.socalwatersmart.com (click on "Turf Removal" link in left column). Note: available to the City of Inglewood and Golden State Water Company customers.
- Irrigation audit – check with your company to see if they offer this.
- Mulch – City of L.A. provides free mulch (from green waste bin materials) at 11 sites: http://www.lacitysan.org/srpcd/mulch_giveaway.htm. Or call a tree trimmer.
- Plants – check the website of the local Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Can't Do It Yourself? Consult A Professional

Professional services – site assessment, design, develop a materials list, construction, maintenance. You can hire them to some or all of them. Where to find lists of pros:

- G3/Green Gardens Group: <http://www.greengardensgroup.com/welcome/g3-associates/g3-professionals/>
- City of Santa Monica: http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Categories/Landscape/Sustainable_Landscape_Professionals.aspx
- Others - Association of Professional Landscape Designers, California Landscape Contractors Association, American Society of Landscape Architects

Put On A Neighborhood Workday – Learning By Doing

One homeowner or renter hosts the workday. The host can hire a pro (like those at G3) to provide all or some the pro services (listed above), plus lead the workday. The host and neighbors then help another house at the next workday. Groups like Surfrider can put the call out for volunteers. Contact a Surfrider Chapter OFG Sub-Committee Chairperson:

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